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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 September 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 4-10 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-3 and 11 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____. |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____. | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 4,939,996 to Dinkha et al. (*Dinkha*).

3. Re – claim 1, Dinkha discloses the claimed invention including a method of canneluring a frangible bullet 10, comprising the steps of: positioning, in a cutting machine, such as a lathe as set forth at col. 13, lines 24 – 26, for example, and as seen in Figs. 1 and 2, for example, a frangible bullet made of a compressed powdered material, as set forth at col. 13, lines 4 – 24, for example; rotating* the bullet around a longitudinal axis; applying* a cutting tool having a flat surface with **beveled edges to the bullet in order to machine cut a cannelure. *Regarding the steps and tool faces required to lathe a work piece, please refer to the office actions mailed 16 DEC 04 and 12 AUG 05 and the inherency set forth therein. Regarding the cutting tool having a flat surface with beveled edges, please refer to the action mailed 16 DEC 04 and the inherency set forth therein.

4. Re – claim 2, Dinkha further discloses wherein the powder material is a lead-free powder material, see col. 12, line 62 – col. 13, line 35, for example. Note there is no mention of lead.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

6. Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dinkha.

7. Dinkha teaches the invention substantially as claimed except for the beveled edges being at a 45-degree angle relatively to a flat base of the cannelure. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include 45 degree beveled edges in the cannelure, since there is no invention in merely changing the shape or form of an article without changing its function except in a design patent. *Eskimo Pie Corp. v. Levous et al.*, 3 USPQ 23. Firstly, there is no unexpected result from including 45 degree beveled edges relatively to the flat base of the cannelure: the function of the cannelure does not change. Secondly, if the frangible bullet disclosed by Dinkha can withstand an apparently 90-degree edged cutting tool, it can certainly stand up to being cut with a less than 90-degree beveled edges cutting tool as the stresses and strains on the work piece would be less and less with a decrease in the sharp edges of the cutting tool, which is why most cutting tools are made with at least the barest minimum of a radius instead of a 90 degree corner.

8. Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dinkha as applied above in view of US Patent No. 6,536,352 to Nadkarni et al. (*Nadkarni*), previously cited.

9. Dinkha discloses the invention substantially as claimed except for the powdered material comprises a copper tin powder mixture. Nadkarni teaches at col. 5, lines 7 – 14, that copper-tin powders are well known in the art for the purpose of aiding in the frangibility of a bullet, as set forth at col. 5, lines 26 – 30, for example. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in

the art at the time the invention was made to modify the bullet of Dinkha to that of a copper-tin powder as taught by Nadkarni in order to aid the frangibility of a bullet.

Response to Arguments

10. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1 – 3 and 11 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

11. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Bret Hayes at telephone number (571) 272 – 6902. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 5:30 am to 2:00 pm, Eastern Standard Time.

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If attempts to contact the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Teri Luu, can be reached at (571) 272 – 7045.

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